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SUBJECT: PARTIAL IV NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF
JORDAN UNIVERSITY

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO NOMINATE PRESIDENT, JORDAN
UNIVERSITY ISHAQ FARHAN FOR A PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL
VISITORS GRANT TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY FOR 21-24 DAY
PERIOD. EMBASSY FORWARDING COMPLETE INFORMATION
BY POUCH. PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT CU TO
THIS NOMINATION WHICH WE CONSIDER HIGHLY IMPORTANT
AND ALSO TO REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF IT FOR
REASONS WE OUTLINE BELOW.

2. DR FARHAN WILL BE TRAVELLING TO THE U.S. ON A
AID-SPONSORED VISIT TO WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
IN FEBRUARY IN CONNECTION WITH WASHINGTON STATE
AGRICULTURAL PROJECT WITH UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN.
THIS VISIT OFFERS USG AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE
DR FARHAN A PARTIAL IV GRANT, DESIGNED TO ACQUAINT HIM,
AS NEWLY-APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF JORDAN'S KEY UNIVERSITY,
WITH RELEVANT UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE IN THE
U.S. JORDAN UNIVERSITY IS AMONG OUR TOP USIS AND POLITICAL
OBJECTIVES. FURTHERMORE, DR FARHAN IS A PROMINENT MEMBER
OF POLITICALLY IMPORTANT, MORE TRADITIONAL ISLAMIC-ORIENTED
SECTOR OF SOCIETY IN JORDAN WITH WHICH THE USG HAS HAD
COMPARATIVELY LITTLE CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WE BELIEVE
THAT INFLUENCING HIS ATTITUDES FAVORABLY TOWARD U.S. SOCIETY

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AND HELPING HIM BECOME MORE COMPETENT AS A UNIVERSITY

PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT VALUE IN ADVANCING OUR PROGRAM OBJECTIVES IN JORDAN.

3. POST WOULD LIKE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE CU RESPONSE TO NOMINATION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 29 VISIT TO JORDAN BY PRESIDENT OF WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY. AT THAT TIME HE WILL BE DISCUSSING DR FARHAN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON STATE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN POSITION TO MAKE PARTIAL IV OFFER TO FARHAN AND COORDINATE IT AT THAT TIME ALSO.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DR FARHAN IS INTENSELY INTERESTED IN VISITING A CROSS SECTION OF U.S. UNIVERSITIES IN ORDER TO INCREASE HIS COMPETENCE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN. WE ALSO HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT, FOR FIRST TIME IN SEVERAL YEARS, DR FARHAN IS MAKING A GESTURE TOWARDS U.S. WHICH WE BELIEVE SHOULD BE EXPLOITED BECAUSE OF HIS POSITION AND INFLUENCE.

5. WE HOPE FACT THAT HE HAS RECEIVED HIS PH.D. AT COLUMBIA IN 1964 WILL NOT BE AN IMPEDIMENT TO GIVING HIM AT LEAST A PARTIAL IV. WE BELIEVE HIS NEWLY-ACQUIRED PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE FACT THAT HE COMES FROM A POLITICALLY-IMPORTANT TRADITIONAL MOSLEM SEGMENT OF JORDANIAN SOCIETY WOULD FULLY JUSTIFY EXPOSURE TO THE U.S. ON A PARTIAL IV GRANT. HIS AIR TRAVEL EXPENSES BETWEEN JORDAN AND THE U.S. WOULD BE PAID SEPARATELY AND ONLY HIS PER DIEM AND TRAVEL COSTS IN THE U.S. WOULD BE CHARGED TO THE IV PROGRAM.

6. REQUEST EARLY AND FAVORABLY RESPONSE.
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